



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 03327.2259-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Akihiro HIKICHI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1771  
Application No.: 09/901,722 ) Examiner: N.L. Torres-Velazquez  
Filed: July 11, 2001 )  
For: NON-ASBESTOS FRICTION )  
MATERIAL )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of October 8, 2003. A one-month extension of time fee of \$110.00 was paid on February 6, 2004 with a Response After Final, leaving a balance of \$840.00 due for the three-month extension. A check in the amount of \$1,610.00 is enclosed. The check covers the balance of \$840.00 plus \$770.00 RCE fee.

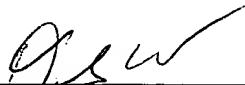
Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,  
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: April 8, 2004

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